

Docket No. 204424US-2S DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

Hideo ANDO et al. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: New Divisional Application

FILED: Herewith :

FOR: STREAM DATA GENERATION METHOD AND PARTIAL ERASE  
PROCESSING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-26 without prejudice.

Please add Claims 27-30 as follows:

--27. (New) An information medium containing data structures for recording  
bitstream information, comprising:  
a data structure stored on said information medium, including,  
a stream object, formed from the bitstream information, including at least one first  
data unit, at least one second data unit having the at least one first data unit, and at least one  
third data unit having the at least one second data unit, the at least one third data unit being  
filled by the bitstream information and the at least one second data unit storing header

information relating to the bitstream information, said header information including information indicating a number of the at least one first data unit in the at least one second data unit.

28. (New) An information medium containing data structures for recording bitstream information, comprising:

a data structure stored on said information medium, including,

a stream object, formed from the bitstream information, including at least one first data unit, at least one second data unit having the at least one first data unit, and at least one third data unit having the at least one second data unit, the at least one third data unit being filled by the bitstream information and at least one second data unit storing header information relating to the bitstream information, said header information including information indicating a number of the at least one first data unit in the at least one third data unit.

29. (New) A method for reading out bitstream information recorded on an information medium wherein the recorded bitstream information comprises a stream object which includes at least one first data unit, at least one second data unit having the at least one first data unit, and at least one third data unit having the at least one second data unit, said method comprising the steps of:

reading the at least one first data unit;

reading the at least one second data unit which stores header information relating to the bitstream information, said header information including information indicating a number of the at least one first data unit in the at least one second data unit; and

reading the at least one third data unit filled by the bitstream information.

30. (New) A method for reading out bitstream information recorded on an information medium wherein the recorded bitstream information comprises a stream object which includes at least one first data unit, at least one second data unit having the at least one first data unit, and at least one third data unit having the at least one second data unit, said method comprising the steps of:

reading the at least one first data unit;

reading the at least one second data unit which stores header information relating to the bitstream information, said header information including information indicating a number of the at least one first data unit in the at least one third data unit; and

reading the at least one third data unit filled by the bitstream information.--

#### REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

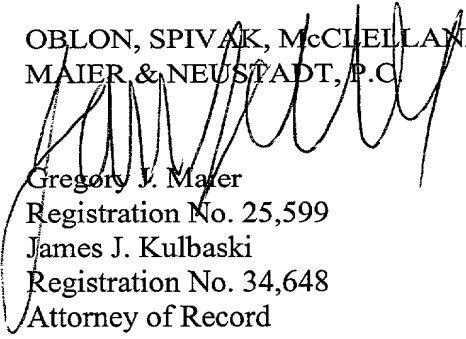
This application is a Divisional of co-pending U.S. Application, Serial No. 09/660,556, filed September 12, 2000, which is a Continuation of International Application No. PCT/JP00/00653 with an international filing date of February 7, 2000.

Claims 27-30 are active in this case, Claims 1-26 having been canceled and Claims 27-30 added by way of the present preliminary amendment.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 27-30 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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